

Subject: Re: Fwd: Re: Lawsuit

From: Bruce Ecker

Date: 03/10/2017 03:22 PM

To: Lorena Parker <lparker@sanpedrobid.com>, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK <Clerk.NBID@lacity.org>, Mike Feuer <mike.n.feuer@lacity.org>

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Lorena,

In regards to my inquiry as to the document retention policies that the BID is required to follow:

The **Agreement To Administer The Property-Based Business Improvement District** which you provided to me (and which you claim you have read) states:

SECTION 7. RETENTION OF RECORDS, AUDIT AND REPORTS

*7. 1. In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, Corporation shall maintain full and complete records of activities and services performed under this Agreement, in their original form. Such records shall be open to the inspection of City and City may audit such records. **Corporation agrees to keep all such records on file in a secure location for a minimum of three (3) years subsequent to the expiration of this Agreement.***

Agreement No. C-121683

Expiration date 12/31/17

You have claimed, in writing, that:

"...we are not required to retain records for more than three years. You have requested a paper file from 2012. Thank you for understanding that we cannot accommodate your request."

If your statement is true, it means that the BID is in material breach of its contract with the city of Los Angeles (No. C-121683).

It also means that your lack of understanding of the requirements of the contract with the city that governs the BID calls into question your competence to hold the position of Executive Director.

Your admission of not keeping BID records that are more than 3 years old should require a full audit of BID records and record keeping practices.

I am going to request that either the City Clerk or the City Attorney step in to initiate this process.

Bruce Ecker

310-748-3151

On 3/9/17 12:59 PM, Bruce Ecker wrote:

Lorena,

I would appreciate a direct answer to my question:

Are you telling me that you have disposed of, or are disposing of BID records that are more than 3 years old?

Bruce Ecker

On 3/7/17 9:50 AM, Bruce Ecker wrote:

Lorena,

I asked you a specific and direct question that you failed to answer:

Are you telling me that you have disposed of or are disposing of BID records that are more than 3 years old?

Bruce Ecker

On 3/7/17 9:45 AM, Lorena Parker wrote:

Mr. Ecker,

Is there a specific record you are looking for? I can assure you that we are compliant with all of our legal obligations.

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On Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 9:28 PM, Bruce Ecker <larux@pacbell.net> wrote:

Lorena,

Are you telling me that you have dispose of or are disposing of BID records that are more than 3 years old?

Bruce Ecker

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Date:Fri, 3 Mar 2017 14:12:33 -0800

From:Bruce Ecker <larux@pacbell.net>

To:Lorena Parker <lparker@sanpedrobid.com>

Lorena,

Are you telling me that you have dispose of BID records that are more than 3 years old?

Bruce Ecker

On 2/14/17 3:59 PM, Lorena Parker wrote:

Mr. Ecker,

As I have stated, we do not have the capacity to retain excessive paper records in our small storage area and we are not required to retain records for more than three years. You have requested a paper file from 2012.

Thank you for understanding that we cannot accommodate your request.

Best regards,

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On Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 3:51 PM, Bruce Ecker <larux@pacbell.net> wrote:

Lorena,

I am going to request that you make some kind of effort to product the requested information.

I have supplied you with a case number, the name of the law firm that handled the case, and the names of people that are currently on the board that were also on the board at the time of the settlement. It shouldn't take much effort to exhume this information.

Please let me know when I can expect this information from you.

Bruce Ecker

On 2/14/17 3:32 PM, Lorena Parker wrote:

I don't have the information so therefore I cannot give you anything.

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On Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 3:28 PM, Bruce Ecker
<larux@pacbell.net> wrote:

Loren,

I would like a copy of the settlement of this lawsuit. I would also like to know what the BID spent on defending this suit. I would like to know why the city attorney recommended that the Los Angeles City Council voted to settle this issue. I would like to know why Harbor Towers was refunded almost \$100,000 in assessments. I am not the only one in the BID that is interested in this information and with the potential renewal of the charter this is information that needs to be made public.

Please let me know when I can expect this information from you.

Bruce Ecker

On 2/14/17 3:21 PM, Lorena Parker wrote:

You are confusing paper files with electronic files.

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On Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 2:39 PM, Bruce Ecker
<larux@pacbell.net> wrote:

Lorena,

I find it less that believable that the BID only keep records for three years since in the past you have provided me with records from 2010 and earlier. If you don't have the information on this suit in your files you can get it from the attorney that the BID was working with at the time. Also, the suit was settled in 2013 so you should still have a copy. Please let me know when I can expect to receive this information.

Bruce Ecker

On 2/14/17 1:46 PM, Lorena Parker wrote:

Bruce,

Regarding your various email requests regarding a 2012 lawsuit. Since we only keep records for three years, I do not have any records and therefore cannot provide you with that information.

Best regards,

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Lorena,

When can I expect the information I requested?

Please add the cost of legal services paid by the BID to defend this complaint

Bruce Ecker

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Subject:Re: Lawsuit

Date:Wed, 1 Feb 2017 19:52:09 -0800

From:Bruce Ecker <larux@pacbell.net>

To:Lorena Parker <lparker@sanpedrobid.com>

Lorena,

Complaint attached.

You keep claiming you know nothing about this and don't know who to ask. I suggest you speak to any of the current PBID board members that were on the board at the time of the lawsuit... I am sure Eric Eisenberg or Alan Johnson will be able help you.

When can I expect the information I requested?

Bruce Ecker

On 2/1/17 2:16 PM, Lorena Parker wrote:

Bruce,

What the the nature of the complaint?

Lorena Parker

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On Tue, Jan 31, 2017 at 3:20 PM, Bruce Ecker <larux@pacbell.net> wrote:

Lorena

Besides the final settlement, I would like to revise this request to include any additional documents that pertain to this issue that were generated by the Board.

I have already obtained the 141 page original complaint and the 10 page Verified Answers of the Respondents/Defendants, so these two documents can be omitted.

Please let me know what you consider a reasonable time frame to receive these from you.

Bruce Ecker

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Subject:Re: Lawsuit

Date:Fri, 27 Jan 2017 10:46:46 -0800

From:Bruce Ecker <larux@pacbell.net>

To:Lorena Parker <lparker@sanpedrobid.com>

Lorena,

The suit was filed in November of 2012, and was settled some time in 2013.

The attorneys that were working for the BID at the time were Paul Rohrer and Jennifer Jason (Loeb and Loeb LLP).

On 1/27/17 4:14 AM, Lorena Parker wrote:
Bruce,

I don't know anything about this. When did this take place?

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On Thu, Jan 26, 2017 at 10:48 PM, Bruce Ecker <larux@pacbell.net>
wrote:

Lorena

I would like a copy of the final settlement of Case No. BS140224

MESA RHF PARTNERS, L.P. vs. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, SAN
PEDRO HISTORIC WATERFRONT PROPERTY AND BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Please let me know what you consider a reasonable date to expect to
receive this document from you.

Bruce Ecker